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**Part 4:
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— Part 1: *Physical characteristics*

— Part 2: *Radio frequency power and signal interface*

— Part 3: *Initialization and anticollision*

— Part 4: *Transmission protocol*

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Introduction

ISO/IEC 14443 is one of a series of International Standards describing the parameters for identification cards as defined in ISO/IEC 7810, and the use of such cards for international interchange.

The protocol as defined in this part of ISO/IEC 14443 is capable of transferring the application protocol data units as defined in ISO/IEC 7816-4. Thus application protocol data units may be mapped as defined in ISO/IEC 7816-4 and application selection may be used as defined ISO/IEC 7816-5.

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Identification cards — Contactless integrated circuit(s) cards — Proximity cards — Part 4: Transmission protocol

1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 14443 specifies a half-duplex block transmission protocol featuring the special needs of a contactless environment and defines the activation and deactivation sequence of the protocol.

This part of ISO/IEC 14443 is intended to be used in conjunction with other parts of ISO/IEC 14443 and is applicable to proximity cards of Type A and Type B.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions, which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO/IEC 14443. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of ISO/IEC 14443 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

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ISO/IEC 7816-5, *Identification cards – Integrated circuit(s) cards with contacts – Part 5: Numbering system and registration procedure for application identifiers*.

ISO/IEC 14443-2, *Identification cards – Contactless integrated circuit(s) cards – Proximity cards – Part 2: Radio frequency power and signal interface*.

ISO/IEC 14443-3, *Identification cards – Contactless integrated circuit(s) cards – Proximity cards – Part 3: Initialization and anticollision*.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO/IEC 14443, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

bit duration

one elementary time unit (etu), calculated by the following formula:

$$1 \text{ etu} = 128 / (D \times fc)$$

The initial value of the divisor D is 1, giving the initial etu as follows:

$$1 \text{ etu} = 128 / fc$$

Where fc is the carrier frequency as defined in ISO/IEC 14443-2.

**3.2
block**

special type of frame, which contains a valid protocol data format

NOTE A valid protocol data format includes I-blocks, R-blocks or S-blocks.

**3.3
invalid block**

type of frame, which contains an invalid protocol format

NOTE A time-out, when no frame has been received, is not interpreted as an invalid block.

**3.4
frame**

sequence of bits as defined in ISO/IEC 14443-3

NOTE The PICC Type A uses the standard frame defined for Type A and the PICC Type B uses the frame defined for Type B.

4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

ACK	positive ACKnowledgement
ATS	Answer To Select
ATQA	Answer To reQuest, Type A
ATQB	Answer To reQuest, Type B
CID	Card IDentifier
CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check, as defined for each PICC Type in ISO/IEC 14443-3
D	Divisor
DR	Divisor Receive (PCD to PICC)
DRI	Divisor Receive Integer (PCD to PICC)
DS	Divisor Send (PICC to PCD)
DSI	Divisor Send Integer (PICC to PCD)
EDC	Error Detection Code
etu	elementary time unit
<i>f_c</i>	carrier frequency
FSC	Frame Size for proximity Card
FSCI	Frame Size for proximity Card Integer
FSD	Frame Size for proximity coupling Device
FSDI	Frame Size for proximity coupling Device Integer
FWI	Frame Waiting time Integer

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FWT	Frame Waiting Time
FWT _{TEMP}	temporary Frame Waiting Time
HLTA	HALT Command, Type A
I-block	Information block
INF	INformation Field
MAX	Index to define a maximum value
MIN	Index to define a minimum value
NAD	Node ADdress
NAK	Negative AcKnowledgement
OSI	Open Systems Interconnection
PCB	Protocol Control Byte
PCD	Proximity Coupling Device
PICC	Proximity Card
PPS	Protocol and Parameter Selection
PPSS	Protocol and Parameter Selection Start
PPS0	Protocol and Parameter Selection parameter 0
PPS1	Protocol and Parameter Selection parameter 1
R-block	Receive ready block
R(ACK)	R-block containing a positive acknowledge
R(NAK)	R-block containing a negative acknowledge
RATS	Request for Answer To Select
REQA	REQuest Command, Type A
RFU	Reserved for Future Use
S-block	Supervisory block
SAK	Select AcKnowledge
SFGI	Start-up Frame Guard time Integer
SFGT	Start-up Frame Guard Time
WUPA	Wake-Up Command, Type A
WTX	Waiting Time eXtension
WTXM	Waiting Time eXtension Multiplier

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5 Protocol activation of PICC Type A

The following activation sequence shall be applied:

- PICC activation sequence as defined in ISO/IEC 14443-3 (request, anticollision loop and select).
- At the beginning the SAK byte shall be checked for availability of an ATS. The SAK is defined in ISO/IEC 14443-3.
- The PICC may be set to HALT state, using the HLTA Command as defined in ISO/IEC 14443-3, if no ATS is available.
- The RATS may be sent by the PCD as next command after receiving the SAK if an ATS is available.
- The PICC shall send its ATS as answer to the RATS. The PICC shall only answer to the RATS if the RATS is received directly after the selection.
- If the PICC supports any changeable parameters in the ATS, a PPS request may be used by the PCD as the next command after receiving the ATS to change parameters.
- The PICC shall send a PPS Response as answer to the PPS request.

A PICC does not need to implement the PPS, if it does not support any changeable parameters in the ATS.

The PCD activation sequence for a PICC Type A is shown in Figure 1.

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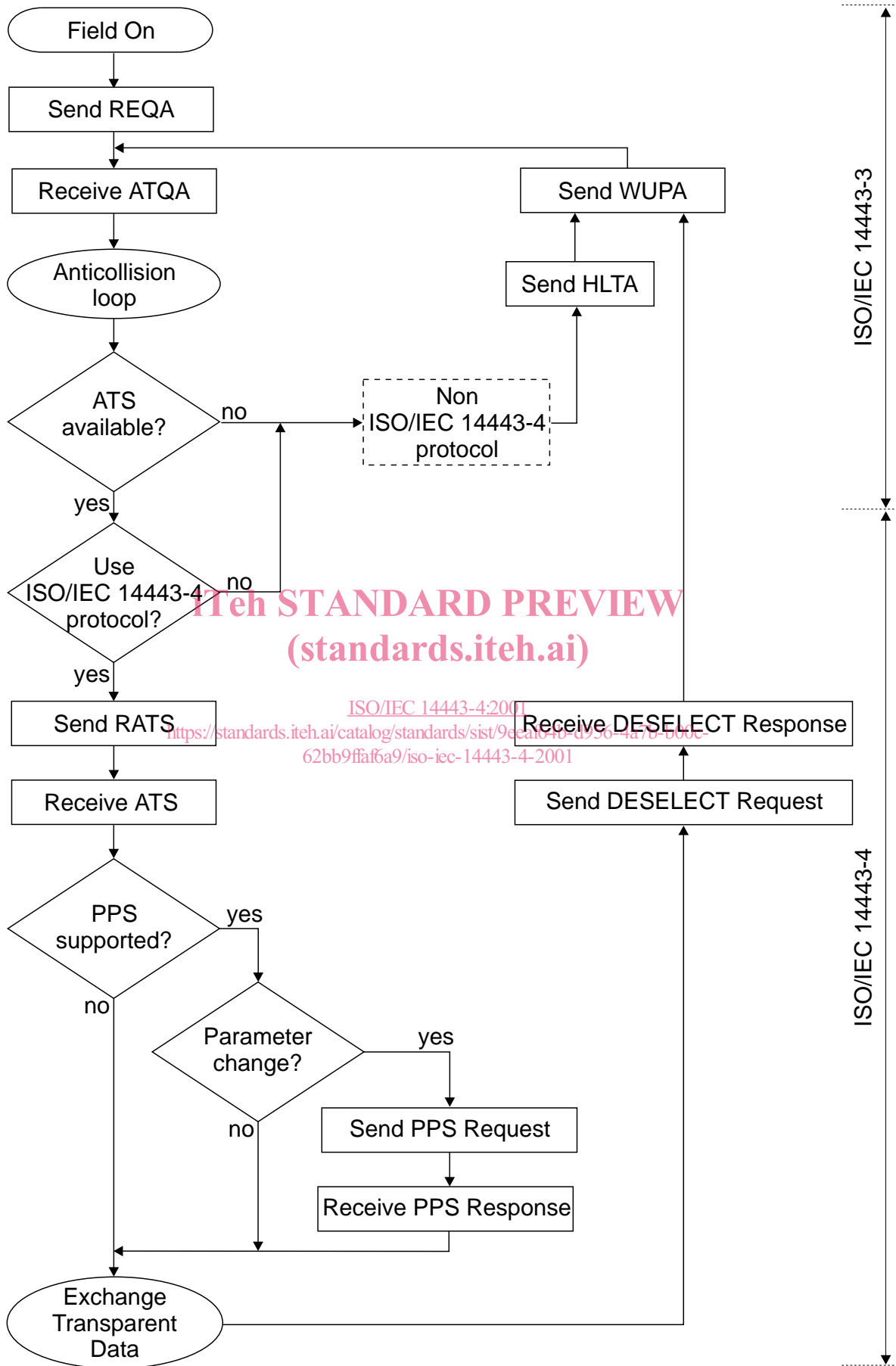


Figure 1 — Activation of a PICC Type A by a PCD